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PETITION TO REINSTATE PATENT UNDER 37 C. F. R. §1.378(c)

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Patentees respectfully request the reinstatement of the above-identified patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.378(c) as being unintentionally abandoned for failure to timely pay the required Maintenance Fee. Specifically, the above-identified patent (U.S. 7,007,759) was unintentionally abandoned for failure to pay the Maintenance Fee and the applicable surcharge within the six-month period as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.362(e). Accordingly, the above-identified patent expired on or about April 5, 2010.

Abandonment of this patent was unintentional, and due at least to one or more mail forwarding delays of the "Maintenance Fee Reminder" dated October 12, 2009. Patentees further submit that the entire delay in filing the Maintenance Fee from the due date until the filing of this Petition was unintentional. Revival of the above-identified patent is therefore appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.378(c).

Accompanying this Petition is the Maintenance Fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(e) (\$490), the surcharge fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(h) (\$65.00) and the surcharge fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(i)(2) (\$1640). Applicant claims small entity status.

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